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SUBJ: GOVERNOR GENERAL ANNOUNCES NON- WHITE LEGISLATIVE
MAJORITY, POSITIVE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN MAJOR SPEECH MARCH 21, GOVERNOR GENERAL REVIEWED POLITICO/ ECONOMIC SCENE, STRESSING IN PARTICULAR INCREASED PARTICIPATION OF NON- WHITES IN GOVERNMENT AT ALL LEVELS-- WITH NON- WHITE MAJORITY FOR FIRST TIME IN NEW LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, AND ACHIEVEMENT IN 1972 OF POSITIVE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS FOR FIRST TIME IN MORE THAN A DECADE. END SUMMARY.

2. IN SPEECH INAUGURATING PRESENTATION OF MOCAMBIQUE DISTRICT REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN NAMPULA, MARCH 21, GOVERNOR GENERAL PIMENTEL DOS SANTOS REVIEWED AT LENGTH POLITICAL-ECONOMIC SCENE IN MOZAMBIQUE, BEGINNING WITH EULOGY FOR DISTRICT PORT OF NACALA AS " EXIT TO SEA FOR OUR NEIGHBORS" AND " INEVITABLY THE MAJOR PORT OF EAST AFRICAN COAST AND LAST POINT AT WHICH NAVAL PRESENCE FOR DEFENSE OF VITAL CAPE ROUTE YET POSSIBLE."

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EM TURNING TO WORLD SCENE, HE CITED RENEWED TWO- PRONGED ASSAULT AGAINST PORTUGUESE POSITION WHICH SOUGHT REOPEN

DISCUSSION DOMESTICALLY (IN METROPOLE) OF PORTUGUESE PRESENCE IN AFRICA, IN CONTEXT OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS, WHILE CONTINUING INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN OF DEFAMATION. HE NOTED IRONICALLY THAT UN, WHICH FIRST TO DEFAME PORTUGAL, WAS ALSO FIRST TO CALL ON IT TO AID IN SAVING ZAMBIA, KNOWING THAT PORTUGAL WOULD FULFILL ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATION OF ALLOWING FREE ACCESS TO LANDLOCKED STATES.

4. IN POLITICAL SPHERE, GOVGEN NOTED BASIC CHANGES WHICH WILL AFFECT FUTURE, NOTABLY FULL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN DIFFERENT LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION. WITHOUT FANFARE, NEW CITY COUNCILS " WITH VARIED ETHNIC PARTICIPATION" HAD BEEN ELECTED. WORK IS UNDER WAY, UNDER NEW RULES, FOR ELECTION AND DESIGNATION OF ADMINISTRATIONS OF RURAL SETTLEMENTS (ALDEAMENTOS), WHICH " AFFECTS THE VERY ROOTS OF POWER." ELECTIONS ARE FORTHCOMING FOR NEW LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND ADVISORY COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE " REAL MIRROR OF MOZAMBIQUE SOCIOLOGICAL REALITY." MOZAMBIQUE, WHICH ACCUSED OF RACISM AND COLONIALISM, WILL HAVE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IN WHICH " WHITE ETHNIC GROUP WILL NOT HAVE MAJORITY." THIS HAS RESULTED, NOT FROM CHOICE BY COLOR, BUT NATURALLY FROM SEARCH FOR BEST REPRESENTATIVES. NOTING THAT ELECTORAL ROLLS SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED FROM PREVIOUS YEARS, HE CALLED FOR MASSIVE PUBLIC VOTE.

5. TURNING TO ECONOMIC
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6. RECENT LIMITATION ON PROFITS IS ONLY ONE OF MANY ANTI-INFLATION MEASURES, AND GOVGEN LISTED AMONG OTHERS TAX REFORMS, AID TO SMALL BUSINESS, RENT REFORM, CREDIT CHANGES, ETC., NOW ON THE BOOKS OR BEING IMPLEMENTED. ALL AVAILABLE MEANS

WILL BE USED TO PROTECT ECONOMY AND ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO MOST NEED PROTECTION FROM UNCONTROLLED RISE IN COST OF LIVING. AS RESULT, SINCE DECEMBER PRICE INDICES HAVE DROPPED AND IN FEBRUARY ATTAINED LOWEST LEVEL IN RECENT TIMES.

7. FINALLY, CHARGE THAT BUSINESS TAXES BEING RAISED IS UNTRUE, AND DUE TO MISUNDERSTANDING OF NEW SYSTEM CHANGING PAYMENT TIMES.

8. TURNING TO EDUCATION, GOVGEN NOTED MASSIVE PROGRESS MADE BETWEEN 1961/62 AND 1972/73. ELEMENTARY EDUCATION INCREASED FROM 3,469 SCHOOLS WITH 4,361 TEACHERS AND 388,428 PUPILS IN FORMER SCHOOL YEAR TO 5,199 SCHOOLS WITH 9,146 TEACHERS AND 578,510 PUPILS IN LATTER. SECONDARY EDUCATION INCREASED FROM 91 SCHOOLS WITH 684 TEACHERS AND 14,317 STUDENTS TO 242 SCHOOLS WITH 3,019 TEACHERS AND 49,149 STUDENTS. UNIVERSITY ROSE FROM NOTHING TO 200 PROFESSORS AND 2,391 STUDENTS.
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VOCATIONAL TRAINING ALSO TO BE EXPANDED AT VARIOUS LEVELS. EDUCATIONAL INCREASES, HE SAID, WOULD HOWEVER BE USELESS AND EVEN DANGEROUS IF THERE IS NOT CONCOMITANT ECONOMIC EXPANSION.

9. GOVGEN THEN NOTED THAT AGRICULTURE CONTRIBUTES 12 MILLION CONTOS (DOLS420 MILLION) TO GDP, OF WHICH ONE THIRD EXPORTED. CASHEWS, COTTON, AND SUGAR TOGETHER TOTAL MORE THAN THREE MILLION CONTOS, INCLUDING BYPRODUCTS, AND SUGAR IN PARTICULAR IS GROWING FAST. MASSINGIR DAM WILL SOON OPEN 90,000 HECTARES OF IRRIGATED LAND AND CABORA BASSA WILL ALSO PROVIDE GREAT STIMULUS TO AGRICULTURE. IN MANUFACTURING, A DECEMBER 31 CENSUS OF NEW INDUSTRIES APPROVED OR UNDER CONSTRUCTION DISCLOSED NEW INVESTMENT OF 9,722,000 CONTOS (DOLS340 MILLION) WHICH WILL CREATE 27,000 NEW JOBS. THIS COMPARES WITH EXISTING ANNUAL INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION OF 11 MILLION CONTOS (DOLS 385 MILLION), AND WILL GREATLY INCREASE INDUSTRIAL PARK. MINING IS LESS WELL OFF, WITH COKING COAL FROM ZAMBEZIA BASIN MOST LIKELY BET. FISHING OFF TO GOOD START, AND MUCH CAN BE DONE WITH TOURISM GIVEN IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE, MASS TRANSPORT ON JUMBO PLANES, AND AN END TO BLACKMARKET IN TOURIST FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

10. FOURTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN, GOVGEN SAID, WILL INCLUDE 40 MILLION CONTOS INVESTMENT (DOLS1,400 MILLION), AS COMPARED WITH 17 MILLION (DOLS595 MILLION) IN CURRENT THIRD PLAN, AND WILL BE CONCENTRATED ON IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES RATHER THAN SCATTERED.

11. FINALLY, GOVGEN ANNOUNCED FORTHCOMING PRESENTATION OF MOCAMBIQUE DISTRICT REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, WHICH WILL SEEK TO SET UP DIFFERENT " POLES OF ATTRACTION" WITHIN DISTRICT AND WILL INVOLVE INVESTMENT OF 200,000 CONTOS (DOLS7 MILLION)

FOR AN ANTICIPATED PRODUCTION INCREASE OF 1,445,000 CONTOS
(DOLS51 MILLION).

12. COMMENT FOLLOWS IN SPEARATE MESSAGE.
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